

From the Desk of Mrs. Edler
Volunteer Coordinator

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DSHS Website www.dshs.wa.gov/incarcerated/

MSU-Minimum Security Unit

MSC-Medium Security Complex

2010 Family Friendly Events

Release Sponsor and Offender Seminar

12:30-8:30 PM DATE/LOCATION TBA September?

This seminar will be held twice a year. This program will explain the release process and what will be expected when the offender is released. Some of the topics will include: Work release and field supervision procedures and financial management.

Fall Event-October 23, 2010

MSU 23rd 12:30-3:30 pm Visitation Room

MSC 23rd 12:30-3:30 pm Visitation Room Living Units attending B, C, D, E

MSC 23rd 6:00-8:30 pm Visitation Room Living Units attending F, G, H, I

This will be a one time only Visitation event. This activity will be a pumpkin decorating. There will be refreshments, family pictures and pumpkins to decorate. This event will give the family a positive visiting experience helping to build stronger bonds between their children, spouse and/or parents.

Reservations start **Sept 5 and end Oct 15th**. Only family members can make reservations by calling 509-543-5906 or e-mail at mjedler@doc1.wa.gov

A reservation card will be sent to your family and **must** be with them at the time of event for the reservations to be honored.

Winter Event-December 4, 2010

MSU 4th 12:30-3:30 pm Visitation Room

MSC 4th 12:30-3:30 pm Visitation Room Living Units attending F, G, H, I

MSC 4th 6:00-8:30 pm Visitation Room Living Units attending B, C, D, E

This will be a one time only Visitation event. This activity will consist of wintertime appropriate activities and includes a special gift and candy for the children. Refreshments will be served. Family pictures will be taken. This activity will give one on one time with each child and their father, providing a special bonding time building familial relationships. Reservations start **Oct 25-Nov 29**. Only family members can make reservations by calling 509-543-5906 or e-mail at mjedler@doc1.wa.gov

A reservation card will be sent to your family and **must** be with them at the time of event for the reservations to be honored.

Quarterly Programs

Read to Me Daddy

MSU Choose Books 12:30-4:14PM/5:30-7:30PM RM and DateTBA

MSU Filming 12:30-4:14PM/5:30-7:30PM RM and DateTBA

MSC Choose Books 1:00-3:45PM/6:45-8:35PM RM and DateTBA

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Many children who would otherwise not be able to see their father are able to make a face to face connection while sharing a literacy-based activity. Books chosen for the program are focused on skill learning (colors, shapes, numbers, and manners) and have positive themes and/or morals. This program will encourage positive father/child relationships which can continue upon release. Send a kite to Recreation when you see the poster.

Video Greeting Cards

MSU Choose Books 12:30-4:14PM/5:30-7:30PM RM and DateTBA

MSC Choose Books 1:00-3:45PM/6:45-8:35PM RM and DateTBA

A video will be taken of the offender. This video is considered the video card. The video card will be sent to the offender's family. Many children and loved ones who would otherwise not be able to see their brother, father, son, husband are able to make a face to face connection. This program encourages positive relationships between you and/or your family. Send a kite to Recreation when you see the poster.

Offender Classes:

AA Meetings

MSU Wednesday 7-8:30 pm RM 117A

MSU Saturdays 7-8:30 pm RM 117A

MSU Last Saturday of the Month 7-8:30 pm RM 117A

MSC Monday 7-8:45 pm RM 139 (New)

NA Meetings

MSC 2nd and 4th 7:00 Friday RM 138

Inside Outside Dads

MSU 6-9 pm Sept 14 6:00-9:00PM Visitation Room

MSC 6-8:45 September TBA 7:00-8:30PM Rm M161

This program is from the National Fatherhood Initiative. This 12 session program gives offenders the tools to become better parents for their children. Many offenders have been able to strengthen bonds or renew bonds with their children. Offenders form a support system with each other that allows for healing of past offenses against them and others. There is a waiting list for this event, so don't wait. Ask your counselor for a referral or send an offender kite to Mrs. Edler.

Make a Good Brain Great Class

TBA

The brain class is a 10 week class that teaches the processes that happen in the brain. How the brain works, what can be done to increase brain power, how that affects the choices we all make in everyday life are some of the topics discussed. This is a video course. Dr. Amen has been featured on PBS and is a renowned brain researcher. Please send an offender kite to Mrs. Edler for entry consideration.

Finding your Fiona Class

MSU Oct 16th 12:30-2:30 4 Saturdays RM 117A

MSC Oct 16th 8:00-10:45AM 4 Saturdays RM M157A

A class for singles to learn the following:

- Know all the FACES of your date
- Pace your relationship
- Build your confidence
- Know what you really want in a partner
- Detect a jerk or a gentlewoman
- Analyze and adapt relationship dynamics
- Maintain positive and respectful relationships

Please send an offender kite to Mrs. Edler for entry consideration.

Relationship Works Class (Family Reunification)

MSU Oct 16th 12:30-3:00PM 5 Saturdays RM 117B

MSC Oct 16th 8:00-10:45AM 5 Saturdays RM M136A

This is a workshop to help men develop skills and knowledge to make them better equipped to improve and develop their couple relationships. Some might be married, some engaged and some just dating and trying to figure out if the person they are with is the person they want to form a life-long relationship with and is the one for them. Wherever they are in their relationship journey, Relationship Works classes will help. Please send an offender kite to Mrs. Edler for entry consideration.

Partners in Parenting

MSC Mondays 1:00PM-3:00pm RM 161

MSC Wednesdays 1:00PM-3:00pm RM 136

This program is from the Texas Christian University Institute of Behavioral Research. It used to be offered by our education department. We run this class as a rotating schedule. Come in on any class and start the next one to pick up what you missed. It is full of great parenting information and resources. Recognized by many court systems as a parenting class for fulfilling the J and S, This course is transferable to other institutions if you get moved. Please send an offender kite to Mrs. Edler for entry consideration.

Toastmasters

MSC Wednesdays 7PM-8:45PM

Toastmasters offer a proven way to improve your communication skills. By participating in a fun and supportive Toastmasters group, you'll become a better speaker and leader and gain confidence to succeed in whatever path you've chosen in life.

- Deliver great presentations
- Easily lead teams and conduct meetings
- Give and receive constructive evaluations
- Be a better listener

Dues are 4.50 per month. No charge for first meeting. Please send an offender kite to Mrs. Edler for entry consideration.

Other Programs

Parent Teacher Conference

A conference with your child's teacher can be arranged through your counselor. This is done by conference call. It requires the permission of the child's caretaker.

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Veterans Reps Visit

Date TBA

MSU 1:00 Camas Conference Room

MSC 2:00 Room 157A Special VA Group meeting at 2:00 other private appointments to follow

Any Vet can come to this session to meet one on one with a VA Rep and Employment Specialist. Please send an offender kite to Mrs. Edler for entry consideration.

Veterans Re-Entry Specialist Date TBA

The Rep that comes in spends 1 hour on each appointments and work with offenders who are soon to release. She writes up a plan for all the resources that the Vet can use. Please send an offender kite to Mrs. Edler for entry consideration.

Yoga Class

2nd Thursday of the month 7:00-8:35 Rm M161

Project Linus

(Ongoing)

Project Linus is a nonprofit group with the goal to provide handmade blankets to children ages 0-18 who are seriously ill, traumatized or in need of tender loving care. You have the opportunity to give your child a handmade blanket. This non profit organization makes a blanket just for your child and sends it to them in the mail. Sign up forms are in the RAC reading room M157B. Please return the form to Mrs. Edler, Room M153. Names are sent in every month.

Transportation/Matthew House Bus

www.matthewhousemonroe.org

The bus comes to CRCC on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mondays of the month. Family can call 360-794-8720 to make reservations.

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Reservation system for one time visitation events:

Reservations can be made by the family members only. They can e-mail at mjedler@doc1.wa.gov or call 509-543-5906. Reservations will be taken 6 weeks before the event. Reservations will be limited to 4 guests per event because of space limitations. Please note if any children will be attending. If so, include their age and if they are a boy or girl.

On the day of the event, **those with a reservation card are assured a place.** Once the guests with reservations are processed, the non reservation guests will be processed in the order they arrived at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center.